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H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

All the time slots for the H.A.L.T. line are currently filled. However, there is opportunity to be on an alternate list for those who have a strong desire and time to be active. You can contact John B. at Haltline@aaworcester.org

Why Does Our Group Need An InterGroup Representative?

Worcester Regional Area Intergroup steering committee is set up to help handle the administrative activities of the intergroup office. The WAI Steering Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings and deals with policy and plans. Periodically, the steering committee reports to group representatives any Intergroup problems and accomplishments. It is extremely important to keep a two way flow of information going between the intergroup and groups. As an Intergroup Representative we are able to hear the group's conscience on issues concerning Worcester Area Intergroup. The rep is a trusted servant and at times is asked to vote in the best interest of his/her group. The rep also carries the AA message back to the group and keeps its members informed on the AA information given from the service committee present at the meeting.

Local Service Meetings

Intergroup Steering Committee* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St.
Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA
—7:00pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*



On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklists

www.aagrapevine.org

Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

STEP 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

TRADITION 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for "12 Step calls". This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the "12 Step Volunteer Application" on page 5 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

Up coming AA related events

“The Solution”, a Wednesday night cbbss meeting in Marlboro, is celebrating their 3rd anniversary on October 10, 2012. Food served at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7. The location is The Recovery Connection @ 31 main street, Marlborough, Ma.

The 49th Annual Mass State Convention will be held Fri Nov, 09th—Sunday Nov, 11th. Location is the Framingham Sheraton. Round the clock meetings, Fellowship, Workshops, and much more.

Every 4th Thursday of the month Lynn S. (District 25 Grapevine rep) has a meeting at the Intergroup office for anyone wishing to get active and learn more of what the Grapevine is all about. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

New Meeting....New Meeting...New Meeting...New Meeting..New Meeting..

Closed Women’s Discussion

Friday 7:30—8:30pm

Good Shepherd Church

183 W. Main St.

Westborough Ma.

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Worcester Area Intergroup Contributions for 2012		total 2012
AA Anniversary Contributions	August	25.65
AA Individual Contributions	1.00	179.55
Ashburnham Sunday night Naukeag		10.00
Auburn The Way Out (Thurs)	20.00	52.00
Auburn Beginners Group		55.00
Auburn Happy Hour	91.15	981.32
Auburn Higher Power	65.00	303.50
Auburn Sunday Night BB		66.00
Auburn Thursday Night Step		150.00
Bolton BBSS	50.00	50.00
Boylston Common		250.00
Brookfield Sunday am Group		75.00
Charlton Courage to Change		225.00
Charlton DAYBreaker	273.95	1,732.60
Charlton Life Second to None		75.00
Charlton Sisters in Sobriety		50.83
Charlton Central Park Women's Step		61.56
District 26 General Service Committee	12.00	108.00
Douglas Maintenance & Repair	125.00	350.00
Douglas Monday Big Book		200.00
Douglas Never Back Down	90.00	165.00
Douglas Tuesday Night Step	40.00	90.00
Dudley Day at a Time		50.00
Fitchburg Friendship		90.00
Fitchburg Keep it Simple		150.00
Fitchburg Newman AA Group	25.00	100.00
Gardner Monday Night Discussion		9.83
Gardner Saturday Night		50.00
Gardner Unity in the morning		25.00
Grafton Common Bond		300.00
Grafton Happy Joyous And Free		180.00
Grafton Reflections Group	79.36	130.36
Holden Group of A.A. (thurs night)	7.00	207.00
Hudson Second Chance		1000.00
Leicester BB		25.00
Leominster BB SS		60.00
Leominster High Noon		25.00

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	August	total 2012
North Oxford Friday Step		50.00
Northboro As Bill Sees It		140.00
Oxford Tuesday Night Step		50.00
Oxford Thursday Night BB		175.00
Paxton (three groups)		600.00
Shrewsbury Eternal Vifilance		648.39
Shrewsbury Sunday Morning		100.00
South Grafton BB		65.00
South Grafton Thurs Night Step		37.50
Southbridge Pine st. Recovery Group	100.00	250.00
Southbridge Sat 12 & 12		50.00
Southbridge Women's Freedom at Last	50.00	50.00
Sterling Thursday BB	52.25	82.25
Stow Sunday Morning	12.35	25.75
Upton Spirit		112.50
Uxbridge Another Day Another Way		58.80
Webster 7am Early Risers	110.00	493.00
Webster Triton		175.00
West Brookfield Almost Home	30.00	30.00
Westboro 4th DEmension		250.00
Westboro As Bill Sees It		105.00
Westboro A Vision for You	70.00	220.00
Westboro Get Well Slowly Step		165.00
Westboro No Name		400.00
Westminster 12 & 12	45.00	85.00
Westminster 4th Edition BB	50.00	50.00
Whitinsville As Bill Sees It		100.00
Winchendon Toy Town Group		15.00
Worcester Acceptance & Attitude		75.00
Worcester As Bill Sees It		25.00
Worcester Friday Night Men's Step	503.00	503.00
Worcester Gratitude		249.22
Worcester Hi Noon		1300.00
Worcester Mid-Day		150.00
Worcester Noon time		600.00
Worcester Quinsigamond		475.00
Worcester Rebound	18.40	62.65
Worcester Saturday BBSS	92.16	275.78
Worcester 7am	242.48	2985.73
Worcester SOS		12.00
Worcester The Way Of Sobriety		641.90
Worcester Wednesday BBSS		29.81
Worcester West Side BB		193.50
Column totals	\$2,255.10	
Row totals		\$19,820.48

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@aaworcester.org and we will put it on the website "calendar of events" as soon as possible. If you have a flyer in electronic format please send that along and we will include it.

Corrections Committee Report. Lt. Peter Bove has been named the new volunteer services co-coordinator @ the W.C.H.C. As a result of the change all AA volunteers, who were on the approved volunteer list, are unable to visit the WCHC for commitments until re-applying for approval. Filling out a new CORI form. Once approved an orientation for volunteer service must be completed. Approved volunteers must also schedule an appt. for obtaining a picture ID for admittance. A yearly review will be done. New applications will be available shortly.

THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!

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Meeting change... Meeting change... Meeting change...Meeting change...

The following two meetings are being cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Thursday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 3:30—4:30pm.

Friday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 12:00—1:00 pm.



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12 Step Volunteer Application

Name (First name and last initial): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Towns you will accept calls from: _____

Hours that you are available: _____

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

Other (Please specify) _____

MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 314
Worcester, MA 01605

I am willing to: (please circle all that apply)

Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk *

Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox *

Meet someone at a meeting Other (please specify) _____

*It is suggested that a person NOT go on a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering. Also you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to go along with you.

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FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included in the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

webmaster@aaworcester.org

Worcester Area Intergroup could use support from the local A.A. Groups. If your group has an excess amount in your treasury please consider making the pie chart split to help not only Worcester Intergroup but the other local A.A. entities and also A.A. World Services. If you are a group treasurer and need more information, feel free to call the office at 508-752-9000.